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SUBJ: JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED ON AUSTRALIAN-
JAPANESE MEETING

REF: A) CANBERRA 5894

B) CANBERRA 5828

1. GOA AND FOJ HAVE ISSUED TWO JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON
OCTOBER 26-31 VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM AND FOUR
SENIOR MINISTERS TO JAPAN FOR SECOND MEETING OF AUSTRALIA-
JAPAN MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE (AJMC). WHITLAM-TANAKA
JOINT COMMUNIQUE COVERS TALKS BETWEEN TWO PRIME MINISTERS;
AJMC JOINT COMMUNIQUE COVERS COMMITTEE DELIVERATIONS.
FORMER CONCENTRATES ON POLITICAL ISSUES (MIDDLE EAST,
REGIONAL PEACE AND COOPERATION, INDO-CHINA, KOREA),
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WHILE LATTER FOCUSSES MAINLY ON ECONOMIC TOPICS

(INTERDEPENDENCE, MUTUAL ADVANTAGES OF CLOSE ECONOMIC TIES, FOREIGN INVESTMENT, AGRICULTURAL TRADE). COPIES BEING POUCHED.

2. COMMUNIQUE CONTAIN MOSTLY PREDICTABLE LANGUAGE AND NO REAL SURPRISES. THEY STATE THAT FOUR BILATERAL TREATIES ARE IN THE OFFERING; BROAD FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION TREATY; CULTURAL AGREEMENT; RENEGOTIATED COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT TO REPLACE EXISTING 1963 VERSION; AND TREATY ON PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY AND OTHER BIRDS. NO MENTION MADE OF MINERALS AND ENERGY MINISTER CONNOR'S RECENTLY PROPOSED JOINT GOA-GOJ STUDY OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT IN AUSTRALIA USING JAPANESE CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY (REF B).

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: GOA AND GOJ LEADERS FOUND CONSIDERABLE AGREEMENT ON POLITICAL ISSUES BUT ECONOMIC ISSUES PROVED MORE CONTENTIOUS. WHITLAM EXPLANATION (REF A) OF GOA POLICIES ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND MINERALS ENERGY DEVELOPMENT HELPED DISPELL SOMEWHAT GOJ CONFUSION AND APPREHENSION ABOUT THESE NEW AUSTRALIAN ATTITUDES. HOWEVER, JAPANESE UNDOUBTEDLY REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT ACTUAL APPLICATIONS OF THESE GENERAL POLICIES AND GOA BARRIERS TO CAPITAL FLOWS. FAILURE OF GOJ TO ACCEPT CONNOR'S ENRICHMENT PLANT STUDY DUE TO ITS EXISTING US COMMITMENTS AND OTHER INTERESTS INDICATES, NOT SURPRISINGLY, THAT JAPANESE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE HARD LOOK AT SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHILE ENDORSING ABSTRACT PLEDGES OF MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. WHITLAM MISSION, MOST SENIOR GOA GROUP EVER TO VISIT FOREIGN COUNTRY, NEVERTHELESS CLEARLY SEEMS TO HAVE PROMOTED MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT BETWEEN GOA AND GOJ. HIGH LEVEL OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION REFLECTS IMPORTANCE CANBERRA ATTACHES TO CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS.
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